

**ABSTRACT**

A device for applying a substance, for example an antiseptic, to the skin of a person. The device includes a a container having an open end for storing a liquid; an applicator head that has a delivery means at one end and a piercing element at the opposite end; the applicator head communicates with said container for delivering the liquid to the delivery means; a barrier positioned proximate said open end of the container for preventing the liquid from escaping said container until such time as the cap is manipulated (e.g., twisted) with respect to the container thereby allowing the piercing element to penetrate or break the barrier.